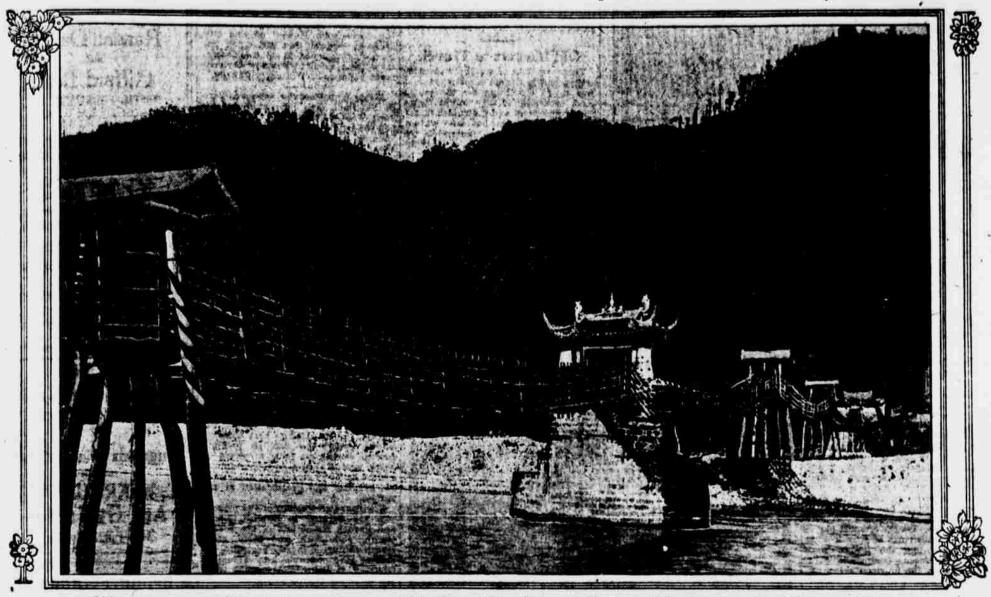
Men of Almost Every Known Race Hidden in West China

Forty Tribes in Sze-chun a Puzzle to Ethnologists and the First News of Their Existence Just Has Come to Civilization-Wars for Centuries Have Driven Peoples to Seek Refuge-Origin of Alaskan Totem Poles Traced to This Distant Spot-Even Hawaiians Are Found



Oldest suspension bridge in the world, over the Min River, West China, civilization's link with the original human melting pot.

peoples on the face of the earth.

from 60 to 300 miles wide, curving through the province of Sze-chun, is a part of the Chinese Republic. But erations of fighting with these shat-

taught them to let well enough monot only are there representatives of the white, brown and yellow races; among them, but there are also, ac cording to Dr. Joseph Beech, president and one of the few white Europeans

Peopled American Continent.

who has spent most of the past face. lieves that in West Caina the race which was to people America originated or at least lived for cen-"I have seen people-men, women

and children-in West China whem it group of Russians had thought themtaiguish from the Indians of the taking on beauty and promise. Western States if they were dressed Church at 150 Fifth avenue.

form of idols, in my opinion originally them how loyalty to the Allied cause had some practical utility. In the meant the championship of liberty and cliff houses of West China the stone humanity.

dwellings are built tier on tier up the They had been strangers for a long The second floor cannot be entered celling of the first floor, and so on up

Ladders do not exist even to-day in these dwellings. Instetad, the trunk of a tree is used. Through the hole existence. the celling the top juts into the chamber above by a distance of three or four feet. Notches are cut in the free trunk so that a crude perpendicular stairway is formed. The part above the floor is left to give the ward climb. The primitive stairs themselves afforded a means of escape were carved on their tops. In West China many of these carved poles in the field were a few who spoke Rus-

Took God Ladders With Them,

tarted on their great migration, as fow strait between Siberia and Alaska, the need for the notches in the poles ntal carving extended downward his understanding of it.

Mol, without any other use."

region as far west of the tribes country and even penetrated material to ponder over for the reat | The numbers of the various tribes | ples, and the religion is a low grade Chinese coast as Colorado is west beyond one of the fortresses, built of their lives. of New York, a region where like Norman castles and greatly resnowy mountain posks tower a mile sembling them in appearance, which block the valleys leading to the fertile

etrate the country of the forty tribes, eleven millions of people. peoples on the face of the earth.

On a map their territory, an irregular crescent 800 miles long and Canright, a physician, and Newton N. the western boundary is Tibet; south to that of Tibet and Turkestan peo-tribesmen, too, have this tradition and to that of Tibet and Turkestan peo-tribesmen, too, have this tradition and to that of Tibet and Turkestan peo-tribesmen, too, have this tradition and the sassociates, Dr. H. L. ern boundary of the tribes' country; whose names Dr. Beech could not get said. "So, too, says the tradition of The language generally used is allied to that of Tibet and Turkestan peo-tribesmen, too, have this tradition and the sassociates, Dr. H. L. ern boundary is Tibet; south to that of Tibet and Turkestan peo-tribesmen, too, have this tradition and

are, of course, unknown, but the total Lamaism or Animism It was not intended at first to pen- is believed to be between four and

"History handed down by word of Roughly, mouth by the Chinese of the southand consequently no one carried a the tribes seem to be divided into ten ern provinces has it that the races or more above the highest in the plateaus and rich timberlands of the camera. The river Min, which runs major divisions. Among them are now living in the mountainous regions United States, live forty tribes of the tribesmen. The trip was brief, only in a general northwesterly direction the Miao, the Sung-pan, the black or one of these races, once was spread oldest, least known and most puzzling the trip was of the cast- Loles, the white Loles, and others all over southern China," Dr. Beech

relate that they were driven back and back and finally into the mountains.
"It is interesting to speculate on

nant of its people. The onward press of other peoples would compel those past, are now used for smoking and remaining, no matter how brave, to drying meats, vegetables and fruits.

The gunpowder used by most of the desert their broad territories and take north of this region arose the great- in their mountain strongholds by

ing' and migration."

are the Sung-Panese, living in the red stones found in that section of the northern section of the region on the country. must fertile land. These, undoubtedly, are of the Aryan stock, from which friendly of the forty. Two or three sprang most of the European peoples. boys have attended the missionary They are as white as you, and look like you," the guide told Dr. Beech. eaw a Miao ministrel who wandered

They are well above the European They are well above the European ment which somewhat resembled a races in average stature, most of banjo. The tribe has suffered greatly hem being six feet or more, and they in wars with the Chinese and the Loles. n elaborate colors, red, yellow and due being the favorites. They hold nigh plateaus, cultivate the soil and raise sheep. Despite the fact that they live in the mountains, they are nerce and despise the Chinese and all great horsemen, bestriding horses foreigners. A British naturalist named be general or special, possesses an foreigners and desired possibly bewhich seem undersized, possibly be- Bruce, who succeeded in penetrating enormous advantage over his less well The horses are remarkable animals a short distance into the country of trained fellows in the race for leaderwhich have acquired the most sur- away from his Chinese guides and new army of the United States are prising agility in traversing the mountainous country.

It is on horseback that duels are fought by this tribe. In fighting they capitated. His body was recovered general the more prosperous classes, use guns of native manufacture,

Guns Handled by Two Men. "Most of the guns used by the Sung-Panese, however, are so heavy that they must be handled by two men." metals-is used for bullets. The guns are flintlocks and matchlocks. I did trated their country. not get an opportunity to see these people myself, as our trip did not take

"I had an opportunity while in the country to examine one of the border fortresses. It greatly resembled an The walls were several feet thick, and the tribesmen lived there. Traditions valley leading to the mountains. Four towers, one at each corner of a square, were each surmounted by pennants, tribe country but in the heart of circumstances has long been apparent that are centres of Siavio population, and along the cliffs and from every the Chinese Republic are also most in have established information centres primacle foated other pennants. I teresting. One race consists of Mo have established information centres pinnacle floated other pennants. I teresting. One race consists of Mo-to assist Russians as well as men of found out later these were prayer hammedans brought across central



Original melting pot of the human race. The territory between the Min River and Tibet, north of Tali and Yunnan to the Gobi Desert, is the home of white, brown and yellow men, and others like the North American Indian.

that is on the map. On the ground, they are independent," for widely as the tribes differ, stay are agreed on one thing, that the Chinese shall not one thing, that the Chinese shall not depth of central Asia. It may be depth of central Asia. It may be depth of central Asia. It may be seen resembled somewhat a distant towers, whatever their use was in the

ments, and most of them were loaded Perhaps the most interesting and down with bracelets, rings and earmost highly developed of the tribes rings chiefly of silver, with blue and

Perhaps the Miao tribe is the most schools: also some years ago Dr. Beech They never run 4way. They love to about among the Chinese singing. dancing and playing a long instrubut still remains independent and fairly powerful. Another tribe is distinctly of the brown race, its members resembling Hawanans in appearance. Most of the tribes are exceedingly

found himself surrounded by tribes- | college men, either former students men. He was compelled to surrender his rifle and was then immediately de- that the college men, representing in of administration, either through pracafter some fighting. Poison is known should furnish the largest number of and used by the natives in ridding candidates in the first officers' trainthemselves of undesired guests. A ing camps. missionary who accepted food from them very nearly died from its effects.

Their Moral Code Primitive.

eight feet long, and somewhat resemwe call chastity does not exist until
ble our early European attempts. Two after marriage. The Black Lelos, a tribe located between two branches body serves as a carriage or rest border of Szechun, are worshippers mism. No foreigner has ever pene-

southern provinces are not the origus into the confines of this particular inal inhabitants of the country." Dr. from reaching his true level. But it Beech said in discussing west and must have been clear to the observant south China as a whole. "There are caves along the rivers which were in- the fellow of good average capacity habited by some primitive people beold Norman castle in architecture, fore the Chinese and possibly before cratically organized army if he has of these people may still be found "Two other races dwelling not in the

flags, to which the people prayed Asia by the Mongols to fight against whenever the wind made them flutter, the Chinese. After the wars were but until I knew it the whole affair over each fighter was given a horse, looked as I imagine a castle must a Chinese wife, and a piece of land, Chengtu. Although they have inter-"Compulsory military service is a married with the Chinese, as the feature of their life that has evidently tribesmen have not, they still retain

surrounded by the four towers, which China centuries ago, probably by a missionary, discovered among them an are about 60 feet high. The stones northern route, and settled in the ancient copy of the Hebrew Scriptures. of the towers are of the flat, easily western section of the province of which none of them could read but split variety found on the mountain Hunan. They now look like Chinese which they treasured. Why they came sides, and are held together by mor- and speak the language, but many to China, and from what land they

Higher Education Ready for Soldiers

tribes has been made for centuries Advantages Pointed Out in Special Government Bulletin Even if Little Time Be Given

THAT the returning soldier can Who can discover them, are drawn do at college the rest of this from the higher educated I per cent. of year, where he can get spe. the population. cial training in engineering and agri- ered from the experience of 100 busiculture as well as in other branches, ness houses and covering a period of how the soldiers will be admitted to

the several courses and what the cost will be are told in Higher Education Circular No. 12, just issued by the 25 per cent, of the non-college men. Bureau of Education. The circular

or continue higher education do not to college urged upon them. To the lar makes the following statement:

"Army life has demonstrated more strated before that the man who has received higher education, whether it the applied sciences, especially engior graduates. It was to be expected "But this somewhat artificial self-

selection is not what is referred to. The superior adaptability and fitness for leadership of college trained men showed itself strikingly among the drafted men. A relatively large percentage of those selected for officers' training camps were men who had had higher education. There have been notable and numerous exceptions to this tendency, of course. Higher education cannot make a leader of a man who does not possess the proper qualities of mind and character. Lack of educational advantages, on the other hand, seldom keeps the born leader young man in an army camp that has a better chance to rise in a demohad the mental training which comes

from a college education.
"What has just been shown to be true in the army under extraordinary in civil life. There is abundant evidence of the superior chances for suc- provided he can in any way meet the

"Here are a few of the commonly cited facts: (a) Only about 1 per cent. has had college or university training. Yet approximately two-thirds of the mind, too, that if he can give but a persons listed in Who's Who, which few months to the pursuit of higher include men and women who have attained national distinction in any callthirds of the leaders in professions and to make the most satisfactory and

three or four years show that about 90 per cent, of the college men were sucresponsible positions, as compared with "(c) A number of the leading uni-

contains information received by fele- versities have made reports of the gram and letter late in Decembe, 1918, carnings of their graduates year by year for the first ten years after grad-The circular points out that men uation. The average earnings by the qualified by previous study to take up end of the fifth year after graduation or continue higher education do not run from \$1.800 to \$2,200; by the end of the tenth year from \$2,000 to \$3,800.

"In the period following the war ew who need such urging the circu- higher training, both general and special, is evidently going to be still more necessary as a preparation for posithe past. A very large development of neering and agriculture, is bound to follow the demands made on this counproducts. Business is rapidly becoming professionalized. Its higher posts are now being filled more and more by

tical experience or university study. "The broad familiarity with the eocial, economic, political and linguistic achievements of civilization which a general college course aims to impart is now especially valuable to the men who will have to help adjust the complex social problems of the next

few years. "The men who think of going to college now are reminded that opportunities to do so at a minimum exevery institution has housing, or housing and feeding facilities combined, developed for the Students Army Training Corps, which allows it to make unusually low rates for living expenses. The feeling of gratithe national service also leads many colleges to reduce the expenses of instruction as much as the safety of institutional finances will permit. Many institutions, moreover, are offering special short courses designed for returning soldiers.

"The man who is uncertain as to his future career may well weigh these considerations," says the circu-lar. "He should also remember that, cess which await the college trained expense, he had better go to college now, or immediately upon discharge, than put off his going until fall. The step will be more easily taken now of the population of the United States than after he has found a job which may pay him well. He should bear in or special training he will be amply repaid in future efficiency and, what is hardly less important, in capacity

Born Non-English Speaking Soldiers

armed with the most modern rifles and machine guns, are content. Gen- What the Jewish Welfare Board Is Doing for Our Russian supposed that each race, moving on- scene resembled somewhat a distant ward, would leave behind some rem. View of an industrial town. The

Welfare hut at Camp Dix a group of men with dark eager faces, strangely awkward in the khaki of the strangely awkward in the khaki of the American soldier, were sitting before a course was started to teach and conversation.

In orth of this region arose the great est conqueror the world has ever known, Genghis Khan. Thus in the Snowy mountain chain, so called become that a place had been set apart for all else a course was started to teach and conversation.

Classes in geography and American history were given in Russian at the Snowy mountain chain, so called become that a place had been set apart for all else a course was started to teach cause its peaks are always white. the race the Indians of North America large blackboard devouring its queer sprawly characters. Occasionally a murmur of approval came from them

twenty years in China, asserts he be- | They were reading the life of Lincoln, written in Russian. In the story of the "man of sorrows, acquainted with tears," they were finding a fellow feeling. America, this big, strange

clamoring America, in which this would be absolutely impossible to dis- selves alone and misunderstood, was On another night Sascha Jacobson alike, said Dr. Beech, telling of his was stirring these adopted sons of adventures at the Board of Foreign ours with the music of his violin and Messions of the Methodist Episcopal a singer of Russian folk tunes was bringing back memories of the swiftly I believe, too, that I stumbled moving Volga and cold steppes. And across an explanation of the curious after that a General, a member of the totem poles found along the western | Kerensky Cabinet, explained to them coast of North America. These totem the ideals of this America-her place in the great struggle-explained to

listed like a flight of great steps. time, but now friends had come to seek them out and they were deeply except through an opening in the grateful. The spirit of resentment and rebellion, any latent Bolshevism in each soul, was dying there. This new still contained some relics of the old

Conditions Were Pitiable.

The Jewish Welfare Board early this fall undertook to befriend the Russian soldier because his condition was found to be pitiable. To his officers he was an enigma. In a majority of cases climiter a grip for his hands as he he spoke no English and could not unreaches the topmost notch in his up- derstand commands of his superiors. Consequently he found himself in frefrom enemies. Hence they came to in his excitable and aggrievable mind in the little group of laborers with regarded as something more im- he was enlarging upon his difficulties portant than mere poles or tree and sowing the seeds of flagrant rebel-

Among the Jewish Welfare workers fight. sian and were able to aid in solving "It seems, in view of what is known of the religious instincts of primitive people, that they would be most relictant to leave behind them these colony urged the Jewish Welfare Board him as only a man who has been at colony urged the Jewish Welfare Board. the problems of these men. From hav olony urged the Jewish Welfare Board up within himself for weeks can re-I believe they did, going north Bureau of the Jewish Welfare Board to the welfare worker. They sat and through China and Siberia to Bering Strait, they would carry with them the armistice the Russian work of the law worker came again and again to the welfare worker. They sat and was organized. With the signing of the fare worker came again and again to the welfare worker. Raskin as director the Russian Aid his grievances and his determination memory of these gods. As they Jewish Welfare Board assumed new talk the matter over with the rebellious problems. The Russian had to be besoldier, until one day Steve admitted
friended, educated, amused; but he that he was ready to don the uniform the need for the notches in the poles must also be prepared for his return to and to give his life if need be for disappeared; there were no cliff houses civil life, for a higher citisenship, for democracy.

Headq parters were opened in New York and a group of Russian workers Three white men with a Chinese guide, who knew some of the chiefs of the less fierce tribes, travelled for McArthur, Gordon, Hancock, of the less fierce tribes, travelled from the city of heart-tu into the borderland of the Signs in Russian were sent up and worker was joyfully greeted. He found their place.

a crowded room of a Jewish speeches made at all the camp gather- brought eigarettes, fruit and candy- refuge in the mountains. A little

pamphlets in their own language dealng with various phases of Americani-

extended a glad hand of welcome. They began to come again and again gether. hadn't reached the missus and the kids. because the man couldn't make his officer understand, and all the things Vassilievitch, who had been in this country only three years, but had been separated from his only brother in

Russia twenty years before, confided to the Jewish Welfare worker that he would give the world and all to see that long missing brother. An investigation was started and it was finally discovered that the missing brother was in the army. Milltary authorities were consulted.

There was Steve Prokul, who was in the guard house at Camp Sherman and about to go before a courtmartial because he refused to learn Steve had come to America to escape a tremendous injustice had been done quent difficulties. He was lonely and him in his new land. And besides, whom he had worked there was a

They sent the welfare worker to him in the guard house. The boyafter all he was barely 22-was downcast but resolute. He welcomed the him as only a man who has been shut joice, and he poured out the tale of

loyalty to his adopted country and for If these Slavio strangers found loneliness in their normal daily life, the

that a place had been set apart for them in the vast labyrinth of the camp. America's language. At Camp Dix that some one had come to help them. In this class, and a number almost as Gradually their confidence in the Jew-lish Welfare Board representatives in- The men gathered around war maps to Without qualification Dr. Beech, and a joyous smile lighted up a stolld ish Welfars Board representatives in- The men gathered around war maps to creased and they began to come to the study the military situation. They Jewish Welfare Board hut. There they heard lectures on the duties of citizenfound a table piled with loyal and pa- ship and American ideals. The latter triotic newspapers printed in Russian, were given at the request of the commanding officers of the camp. Indeed the interest of the officers in the men's zation and with topics of importance in work was pronounced from the start. Russian life. There was a victrola so pronounced that a class in Russian with Russian records and a man who was started at their request, to teach spoke to them in their own tongue and them the language of the men and to

bring officers and privates closer toin every leisure moment. They told A library of Russian books furnished the welfare worker their big and little by the American Library Association received an enthusiastic reception. But within a few weeks the entire col the furlough that couldn't be obtained lection had vanished. The men comtheir discovery of the precious books that they hid them in overcoat pockets ficer who spoke only English. Ivan and under blouses to read surreptitiously during odd moments at bar-

racks and to pass along to friends. Making Better Americans.

The work of the Jewish Welfare Board for these foreign born citizens aimed not only to make better Americans of them by teaching the ideals of tory, but to make Americans of them transfer obtained and Ivan and his by fostering their love of Russia's soul. of its music, literature and art, by helping them to find in this alien country the things they cherished in the home land. Large and eager audiences gathered at all of the Russian concerts. the director of the Art School of the brief explanations of the welfare worker. firebrand who preached day and hight democracy the centre of a new life, a against America. Steve would not

> business of war, the Jewish Welfare Board rendered untiring service, teaching the loyalty that comes from understanding, and now in the months of demobilization it is preparing again to do its share by helping to prepare the handlcapped Russian for a breader, more sympathetic civilian life-to

Communities having branches of the Jewish Welfare Board, especially those all other nationalities in solving problems of military life and readjustment, giving advice in matters of employent, insurance and allotment, &c. aim of the Jewish Welfare Board

stones, spears and swords. An exhibit of forty paintings sent by eight feet long, and somewhat resem-Educational Alliance was visited daily men carry them on their shoulders, by scores who listened eagerly to the and when they are fired one man's of the white Lolos near the southern The Jewish Welfare Board while the other discharges the piece. of the black arts and followers of de-Building became to these fighters for Anything-lead, iron, and other graded forms of Lamaism and ani-While the men were training for the

make him the better citizen for having it completely blocked the way up a

Where the camp work leaves off the have looked during a tournament in and settled down southwest of nunity work begins, for it is the the Middle Ages. it has created between the Jew and existed for centuries. Every man many Mohammedan customs and some Russian, between these strangers in must serve a certain time in the of them are Mohammedans in appearing, are college trained; that is, two-lik hardly less important, in capacitation and the most serve and those who have already frontier guard. When he is called he and thirds of the leaders in professions and to make the most satisfactory a moves down into the valley with his "The other race, of which little is business, so far as the editors of Who's